



Passcode Week 1 – Trust God Spiritual Formation Guide

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Scripture:

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. ³"This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it."

⁴When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied.

⁵"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. ⁹Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. ¹⁰Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?"

¹²God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain."

¹³But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"

¹⁴ God replied to Moses, “I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you.” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

This is my eternal name,

my name to remember for all generations.

Exodus 3:1-14

Reflection Questions:

- What is one of the craziest things you’ve ever done? Why did you do it?
- What stood out to you from Sunday’s service? How did you sense God encouraging and challenging you through the songs, the message, and being with others as part of the church? (The message’s main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Do you trust easily, or does it take effort for you to trust? Why is that?
- Read the story of Moses and his encounter with God in the burning bush in Exodus 3:1-14. If you have time, read it several times. What do you notice about God? (Even if it’s a familiar story to you, see if a new detail or question stands out.)
- Eddie shared, “God wants to consume every part of your life so he can make every part of your life rich and satisfying.” How do you respond to that idea? (Do you wrestle with it, is it comforting, or do you have some other response?)
- Read this quote from the message out loud: “The word holy simply means “set apart” so what makes something holy is when it is no longer available for common use. You can live a “holy” life by being available to God and unavailable for lesser things.” Do you see your life this way? What might it look like for you to live a holy life?
- Eddie gave three suggestions for how we can learn to trust God more:
 - ASK - He is willing to be asked. If it can lead to you trusting God more, ask away and keep on asking.
 - OBSERVE - be a student of people who have trusted God for a long time.
 - SURRENDER – Say, “I’m not going to pick and choose the parts of my life I’m going to entrust to God. Instead, I’m giving him all of it.”

Which of these do you want to practice this week? How will you start?

- Take time to pray and surrender to God as you close your time of reflection or discussion.
 - Be silent and listen to God for several minutes.
 - Take off your shoes and ask God to show you how he wants to make the place you are holy – set apart.
 - Open your hands or raise them in a posture of surrender as your pray.
 - Say a prayer of gratitude for someone who is an example to you of trusting God.
 - Ask God for something you’ve asked him about before. Practice persistently praying.

Want some resources and ideas for how to grow spiritually?

We are spotlighting our resource, **“How to Pray and Read the Bible,”** which you can get at our Next Steps Area or access online at https://www.wschurch.org/content/pdf/How2PrayBible_Digital.pdf. Visit www.wschurch.org/resources to see additional tools and resources.

Message Main Points and Scripture:

- Proverbs 29:25 – “Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.”
- Proverbs 16:20 – “Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful.”
- Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes.”

- Exodus 3:2 – “There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn’t burn up.”
- **God wants you to thrive.**
- **God consumes us because he wants something FOR us.**
- Exodus 3:4 – “When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” “Here I am!” Moses replied. “Do not come any closer,” the LORD warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.”
- James 4:8 says, “Come near to God and he will come near to you.”
- Hebrews 10:22 – “Since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him.”
- Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God.”
- **Holy simply means “set apart”**
- Exodus 3:6 - “When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.”
- Exodus 3:6 - “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”
- **In all his greatness and majesty, God is a God of the people.**
- Exodus 3:7 - “The Lord told Moses, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land.”
- Exodus 3:14 – “God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name...”
- **Three suggestions for how you can learn to trust God more: The first thing you can do is ASK.**
- Matthew 7:7 - “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”
- **My second suggestion is that you OBSERVE.**
- Hebrews 13:7 – “Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”
- Psalm 37:25 – “Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.”
- **My final suggestion for trusting God more is to SURRENDER.**
- 2 Timothy 4:7 – “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.”
- Luke 9:23 - “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”